

REMARKS

In the Advisory Action July 15, 2003, the Examiner states that the Amendment filed on June 16, 2003 has been entered and has overcome the objection to the specification, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102, which were raised in the Final Action dated August 14, 2002. However, the Examiner states that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph is maintained, allegedly because the claims recite partial sequences, SEQ ID NOS: 7, 8, 10-13 and 20-25. The Examiner has proposed certain amendments to the specification and the claims in order to place the application in condition for allowance. In the first paragraph under the Heading "Proposed Examiner's Amendment", the Examiner states that the undersigned authorized the Examiner's Proposed Amendment. Applicants wish to clarify that no authorization has been given to the Examiner to enter the Proposed Examiner's Amendment.

However, in an effort to favorably advance the prosecution of the present application, Applicants have amended the specification and the claims in accordance with the Examiner's Proposed Amendment. No new matter is introduced.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is firmly believed that the subject application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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